



Tuition Incentive Program

Fact Sheet Academic Year 2005-06



Description

The Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is an incentive program that encourages eligible students to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36 consecutive month period as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services, formerly known as Family Independence Agency (FIA). TIP provides assistance in two phases. Phase I covers tuition and mandatory fee charges for eligible students enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program at a participating Michigan community college, public university, or degree-granting, independent college, federal tribally controlled college or FOCUS:HOPE. Phase II provides a maximum of \$2,000 total tuition assistance for credits earned in a four-year program at an in-state degree-granting college or university.

Application

Students are identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services as having met the Medicaid eligibility requirement. Students may be identified as TIP eligible as early as sixth grade. The student must then complete an acceptance form and return it to the Office of Scholarships and Grants (OSG), Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury), **before** graduation from high school or GED completion **and before** their 20th birthday to activate financial eligibility for the program. The student will then receive an “eligibility letter” from OSG, Treasury.

Program Limits

Phase I:

Students must begin using TIP by enrolling at a participating college within four years of high school graduation. Eligibility ends within ten years of high school graduation or GED completion.

Phase 1 covers the cost of tuition at the current in-district rate at participating Michigan community colleges. For persons not residing in a community college district, the out-of-district rate may be authorized. Tuition at the lower level resident rate is covered at **participating** Michigan public universities. The amount that can be received at participating independent, degree-granting colleges, federal tribally controlled colleges or FOCUS:HOPE is \$72 per credit hour.¹

Mandatory fees cannot exceed \$250 per semester/term and are defined as “only those fees that are charged to all students across the board as a requirement for enrollment at the institution.” Student activity fees and registration fees are considered mandatory fees. No college admissions or course-specific fees will be covered.

Not all colleges/universities offer associate degree programs. Contact the college/university you plan on attending to see if they participate in Phase I. If the college you plan to attend does not offer a two-year associate’s degree, you will not receive TIP assistance for the first two years.

Program benefits cannot exceed 80 semester or 120 term credits (24 semester or 36 term credits per academic year). Contact hours are not eligible for payment reimbursement.²

Phase II:

Provides tuition and mandatory fee assistance not to exceed \$500 per semester or \$400 per term up to a maximum of \$2,000 for credits earned in a four-year program at a Michigan degree-granting college or university. Phase II must be completed within 30 months of completion of Phase I requirements. Students can receive Phase II benefits

¹ Changes each academic year

² Contact hours are, generally, required hours spent engaged in non-classroom practical experience learning to supplement a class.

Program Limits (continued)

without having received Phase I benefits. To receive Phase II benefits, the student must demonstrate the eligibility criteria for Phase I and have one of the following:

- 56 transferable semester or 84 transferable term credits
- An associate's degree or certificate

Eligibility for both Phase I and Phase II

General eligibility requirements include:

- Enrollment of at least half time in a program earning less than 80 semester or 120 term credits
- Evidence of eligibility, i.e., submit a copy of the "eligibility letter" to the financial aid office of the college
- High school diploma or GED certificate prior to age 20
- Michigan resident as determined by institutional criteria
- U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen status as documented by an I-551 card, I-551C card, or INS I-94 record designating "refugee," "asylum granted," "humanitarian parole," "indefinite parole," or "Cuban-Haitian entrant" status
- For continued eligibility, meet the institution's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy

For More Information

Contact the Tuition Incentive Program, **Office of Scholarships and Grants**, at 1-888-4-GRANTS (888-447-2687) or at osg@michigan.gov.

Participating Institutions

See the below list and note which institutions are Phase II ONLY prior to enrollment.

Community Colleges

Eligible charges include current in-district tuition and mandatory fees. For persons residing in an area that is not included in any community college district, the out-of-district tuition rate may be authorized.

Phase I ONLY

Alpena Community College	Mid-Michigan Community College
Bay de Noc Community College	Monroe County Community College
Bay Mills Community College	Montcalm Community College
Delta College	Mott Community College
Glen Oaks Community College	Muskegon Community College
Gogebic Community College	North Central Michigan College
Grand Rapids Community College	Northwestern Michigan College
Henry Ford Community College	Oakland Community College
Jackson Community College	Saint Clair Co. Community College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Schoolcraft College
Kellogg Community College	Southwestern Michigan College
Kirtland Community College	Washtenaw Community College
Lake Michigan College	Wayne County Community College
Lansing Community College	West Shore Community College
Macomb Community College	

Public Universities

Eligible charges include lower level resident tuition and mandatory fees for the current year. Remember – you must be enrolled in an associate degree program to be eligible for TIP Phase I benefits.

Phase I and Phase II

Ferris State University	Michigan Technological University
Lake Superior State University	Northern Michigan University
Michigan State University	

Phase II ONLY

Central Michigan University	Saginaw Valley State University
Eastern Michigan University	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Grand Valley State University	University of Michigan, Dearborn
Oakland University	University of Michigan, Flint
	Wayne State University
	Western Michigan University

Independent, Nonprofit Colleges and Universities

Eligible charges include mandatory fees for the current year and a per credit payment that does not exceed the average community college in-district per credit tuition rate. Remember – you must be enrolled in an associate degree program to be eligible for TIP Phase I benefits.

Phase I and Phase II

Aquinas College	Lawrence Technological University
Baker College	Lewis College of Business
Concordia University	Madonna University
Cornerstone University	Marygrove College
Davenport University	Michigan Jewish Institute
Finlandia University	Northwood University
Grace Bible College	Rochester College
Great Lakes Christian College	Siena Heights College
Kuyper College	Spyring Arbor University

Phase II ONLY

Albion College	Hope College
Alma College	Olivet College
Adrian College	Robert B. Miller College
Andrews University	University of Detroit Mercy
Clarey College	Walsh College

Other Institutions Phase I ONLY

Focus: HOPE
Michigan federal tribally controlled community college